

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 107. (Canceled)

108. (Currently Amended) A device for use in closing septal defects comprising:

a medial portion having a longitudinal axis;
and
first and second sets of fingers mounted on the medial portion that are capable of extending substantially radially outward from the axis, the first and second sets of fingers unconnected to each other at the radially outward ends and being spaced an axial distance apart from each other on the axis, and wherein only one set of fingers is covered by a web of material between adjacent ones of the fingers.

109. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 108 wherein the uncovered set of fingers has free ends.

110. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 108 wherein the fingers are resiliently biased to extend substantially radially outward from the axis.

111. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 108
wherein the fingers comprise nitinol.

112. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 108
wherein the web of material is elastic.

113. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 112
wherein the web comprises silicone.

114. (Previously Presented) An installation
assembly for installing the device of claim 108 comprising a
delivery structure disposed around the device substantially
coaxial to the axis of the medial portion, whereby the
fingers are elastically deflected inwardly toward parallelism
with the axis.

115. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 108
wherein each finger has different thickness along its length.

116. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 108
wherein each finger has different width along its length.

117. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 108 wherein each finger has different flexural stiffness radially of the medial portion along its length.

118. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 108 wherein the fingers are configured to elastically deflect toward parallelism with the axis.

119. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 118 wherein the sets of fingers are configured to deflect in opposite directions and away from each other.

120 - 142. (Canceled)